Investment in power projects in Rajasthan

2059. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government have made any investment in power projects in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the amount of such investment during the last three years and as on date, project-wise;

(c) the share of State Government and Central Government in this regard, project-wise; and

(d) the present status of operation of these power projects and the quantity of power production, project-wise?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) to (d) A Central Sector lignite based thermal based power projects comprising two units of 125 MW each is under implementation by Neyveli Lignite Corporation at Birsingsar with estimated cost of about Rs. 1,114 crores. The units are scheduled for commissioning in June, 2008 and October, 2008 respectively. In the last three years, about 106 crores have been spent.

In addition, two units of Rajasthan Atomic Power of 220 MW each of Nuclear Power Corporation of India are under construction with an estimated cost of Rs. 3,072 crore. In the last three years Rs. 1011 crore have been spent. These units are scheduled to be fully operational by 2007-08.

Private participation in hydro-electric projects

†2060. SHRI KRISHAN LAL BALMIKI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have invited participation of private companies in the hydro-electric projects; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.